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In re Appln of:

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For: NUCLEOTIDE SEQUENCES DERIVED FROM THE GENOME OF RETROVIRUSES OF THE HIV-1, HIV-2 AND SIV TYPE, AND THEIR USES IN PARTICULAR FOR THE AMPLIFICATION OF THE GENOMES OF THESE RETROVIRUSES AND FOR THE IN VITRO DIAGNOSIS OF THE DISEASES DUE TO THESE VIRUSES

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In response to the Office Action dated September 6, 2002 (Paper No. 11), and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.111, applicants submit the following remarks.

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and further examination in view of the following remarks.

Claims 27-48 are pending in this application.

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